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SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS

All Praise is due to Allah, the One who controls the conditions and hearts of Men. Salaat and Salaams on Hazrat Muhammad (SAW.) who displayed how to behave so that peaceful conditions prevail even in environments of impending danger. Blessings upon the Sahabah (R.A.) who practised upon these noble teachings proving that quantity does not determine situations but earning the Pleasure of Allah is the sole criterion for every action. It is not the quantity of these actions but the intention of pleasing Allah alone which should precede every action.

Every person desires security of lmaan, Islam, life, honour, dignity, wealth and property. Hazrat Abdur Raheem Lajpuri (may Allah bless him with a long life) advises a 10 point formula to earn the Divine Pleasure of Allah, which are listed below. Adherence to these will reap the desired fruits.

1. TURN TO ALLAH TA'ALA

This is the central point around and upon which all other points base, rotate and function. Allah is waiting for us. Allah is seeking an excuse, no matter how minute, to bless us, aid us and guide us, so that He may be happy and pleased with us. Sadly we perform such actions which fling us further away from the Mercy of Allah, instead of gaining proximity to it.

2. SEEKING FORGIVENESS AND PARDON

Allah is Most Merciful. One should not be desponded. Before seeking sincere forgiveness, the person should first recognise sin as sin. Then regret performing the sin. Subsequently firmly resolve not to commit that evil again. The sign of acceptance of lstighfaar is that one will not commit that sin again as stated by Imam Gazzali (R.A.)

3. STEAD FASTNESS IN SALAAT

Every person should perform Salaat regularly The males should perform their Salaat in the Masjid with Jamaat and ensure that the females who are under their care perform their Salaat whilst they are away in the Masjid. Hazrat Lajpuri quotes a Hadith from Ahmed and Tabrani that Maaz bin Jabal (R.A.) reported that Nabi (SAW) said that it is an action of Nifaaq (hypocrisy) and Kufr and open oppression that a person hears the call of Salaat (i.e. the Azaan) and does not attempt to go for Salaat. Further quotes from Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (R.A.) that Salaat performance evades the decision of Allah of punishment by fire balls from the sky. (Fathul Rabbani, pg. 18, Majlis 2)

4. SPENDING

Zakaat must be distributed regularly to the rightful ones. Spend in abundance for the promotion and the upliftment of Deen. One should also abstain from spending on unnecessary things and articles, on useless and wasteful affairs, on unbecoming and unwarranted places and avenues. Basically, use your wealth on what is good and do not support the evil and unworthy causes.

5. ZIKR

Remember Allah by the abundance of Qur'an Tilawat, Zikr and reciting Durood. Especially the recitation of Surah Yaseen in the morning, so that there be goodness and Barakat throughout the whole day. Surah Wakiya in the evening, so that one is not afflicted by poverty. Surah Tabarakal Lazzi, so that one is saved from the punishments of the grave. Slirah Ikhlaas after the Salaam on entry of the home, so that there be monetary Barakaat in the home. Surah Kahf on Friday so that one is saved from the calamity of Dajjal. One should also gain from the treasures of Allah by honest supplication (dua)

6. ABSTINENCE OF SIN

Every action has a reaction. Every seed has the potentiality of bearing fruit. Stay away from immodesty, adultery, fornication, deception, lying, gossiping, slandering, backbiting, oppression, etc. Follow the Sahr'i laws of inheritance, fulfilling the rights of innocent orphans and the helpless widows. Adorning the purdah and modest simple dress must become the norm.

7. UPBRINGING

A healthy Islamic environment at home should be created so that innocent children could be given proper Islamic upbringing. Islamic values must be explained and non-Islamic ways and traps should be highlighted for the salvation of our Noble Deen. Enjoining what is right and forbidding what is evil should become part of our lives for our duas to be accepted.

8. UNITY

Immediately terminate fighting, quarrelling and dispute. All deeds whether by words or action which lead to disunity must be removed and destroyed. Wherever possible, create unity between quarrelling persons, families, groups and parties.

9. ULAMA

Ulama must be honoured, respected, cared for and accredited the rightful lofty position which they most certainly deserve. This is an important aspect which Hazrat Lajpuri elaborated on in detail.

10. WELFARE

Develop a helping and aiding hand towards a flourishing environment. By displaying Islamic character the rights and honour of the whole of mankind is safe (Muslim and non-Muslim). Create humanitarian awareness and sympathy for all. However, do not let anyone take advantage over vulnerable situations.

Present conditions are based upon the Aamal (actions). No matter how few we are, but the deciding factor in the sight of Allah is the quality of Muslims and not the quantity of any other group.

We make dua that these valuable advices of Hazrat Mufti Abdur Rahman Lajpuri are needed.

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